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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST APPROVAL TO EXECUTE A SOLE SOURCE CONSULTANT SERVICES
AGREEMENT WITH PACIFIC CLINICS
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2010-11 THROUGH 2012-13 AND
AMEND AND EXTEND THE CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT
WITH MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA OF LOS ANGELES
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2010-11 THROUGH 2012-13
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval to execute a Sole Source Consultant Services Agreement with Pacific Clinics and to amend a Consultant Services Agreement with Mental Health America of Los Angeles to allow for both agencies to continue delivering training services outlined in the Mental Health Services Act - Workforce Education and Training (WET) Plan.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve and instruct the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute a Sole Source Consultant Services Agreement (Pacific Clinics' Agreement) substantially similar to Attachment I, with Pacific Clinics, thereby allowing Pacific Clinics to continue delivering Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Workforce Education and Training (WET) services for the remaining six (6) months of Fiscal Year (FY) 2010-11 through FY 2012-13. The Total Contract Amount (TCA) for Pacific Clinics will be \$200,000 for FY 2010-11 and \$400,000 for FYs 2011-12 and 2012-13, funded with MHSA WET funds. The Pacific Clinics' Agreement will be effective upon Board approval with the initial term through June 30, 2012, and an option for a one-year extension through FY 2012-13.

2. Approve and instruct the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute an amendment with Mental Health America of Los Angeles substantially similar to Attachment II (Amendment), to the Consultant Services Agreement No. MH050019 (MHALA Agreement) to continue delivering services under the MHSA WET Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist Training Program, and to extend the term of the MHALA Agreement. The TCA for MHALA will be \$781,100, funded with MHSA WET funds. The Amendment for MHALA will be effective upon Board approval and will extend the term of the MHALA Agreement through June 30, 2012, and an option for a one-year extension through FY 2012-13.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to these Consultant Services Agreements, and establish as a new TCA the aggregate of the these amendments, provided that: 1) the County's total payments under this agreement for the applicable fiscal years do not exceed an increase of 20 percent from the applicable Board-approved TCA; 2) any such increase is used to provide additional services or to reflect program or Board policy changes; 3) the Board has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 4) approval of County Counsel, or designee, is obtained prior to any such amendment; 5) the parties may, in written amendment, mutually agree to reduce programs or services and revise the applicable TCA without reference to the 20 percent limitation; and 6) the Director of Mental Health notifies your Board and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of such agreement changes in writing within 30 days after execution of each amendment.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Consistent with the Department of Mental Health's (DMH) MHSA WET plan, Board approval of these recommendations will allow for the continuation of the MHSA WET Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist Training Program services. The Pacific Clinics' Agreement No. MH050017 for these services is set to expire on December 31, 2010. The original intent was to extend the Pacific Clinics' Consultant Services Agreement No. MH050017; however due to the holiday schedule, the Board will not hear this request until January 4, 2011. The MHALA Consultant Services Agreement No. MH050019 expires on June 30, 2011.

Without the Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist Training Services programs provided by Pacific Clinics and MHALA, the public mental health system is in danger of losing a valuable resource, one that serves as a pipeline to channeling employment-eligible consumer and family members towards the public mental health system, a core tenet of MHSA.

DMH is also requesting that the terms of both the Pacific Clinics and MHALA Agreements be through FY 2011-12 with an additional one-year extension through FY 2012-13 to prevent interruption of MHSA WET training programs offered to consumers, family members, parent advocates/parent partners, public mental health staff (including DMH staff and its contracted agencies), college faculty, and college students. The term extensions of both agreements will allow the contractors to continue delivering one or more of the four distinct WET programs: 1) Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist Training Services; 2) Public Mental Health Workforce Staff Immersion Training; 3) College Faculty Immersion Training; and 4) Peer Support Training.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended Board actions are consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal 1, Operational Effectiveness and Goal 4, Health and Mental Health.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no net County Cost.

The TCA for the Pacific Clinics Agreement is \$200,000 for FY 2010-11 and \$400,000 for FYs 2011-12 and 2012-13, funded by MHSA WET funds. The new MHALA TCA is \$781,100 for FYs 2010-11, 2011-12 and 2012-13, also funded by MHSA WET funds.

Funding for future fiscal years will be requested through DMH's annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On June 9, 2010, your Board approved a six-month extension to the Pacific Clinics Consultation Services Agreement No. MH050017 and a one-year extension to the MHALA Consultation Services Agreement No. MH050019. Such approval allowed for a six-month continuation of the Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist Training program for both contractors, and a 12-month continuation for all the remaining training services offered thru MHALA. This included the Immersion Trainings, the Public Mental Health Immersion program and College Faculty Immersion program, and the Peer Support Training program.

- The Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist training program delivers a 15-week training program to prepare individuals with a Bachelors degree, advanced degree, equivalent certification or experience to work in the mental health field.
- The Immersion Training programs effectively prepare the current and future public mental health workforce, including DMH staff and its contracted agencies, college faculty, and college students, to transform traditional mental health services to services that embrace MHSA values.
- The Peer Support Training program provides a certificated training in peer supportive services and skills for individuals who are interested in entering the public mental health workforce as mental health peer supporters. These programs are collectively designed to enhance the skills of its targeted audience mentioned above.

Each of the WET programs offer specialized lectures as well interactive learning experiences such as field placements to guide participants in using recovery-oriented approaches in their work with clients enrolled in MHSA programs and services. The training services have become a significant resource for qualified individuals to be employed by MHSA-funded programs as well as those programs transforming to serve clients using a recovery model approach.

The four (4) WET programs are being significantly modified either in scope of training services and/or in funding amounts. Three (3) Requests for Services (RFS) have been drafted to meet the training needs of the present and future workforce as required by the MHSA WET Plan as follows: 1) the Mental Rehabilitation Specialist RFS will provide core training for those entering the workforce and likewise will offer advanced and specialty training for staff currently employed in this classification. 2) the Immersion Trainings—Public Mental Health and College Faculty will continue to provide the training services. 3) the Peer Support Training Program, funding will be significantly increased from \$180,000 a year to \$531,000 a year for a total of \$3.5 million through FY 2016-2017. This Peer Support Training Program will transform peer support/peer specialist training in the County and be consistent with State certification guidelines. It will offer core, bridge, advanced, specialty and train-the-trainer trainings. Given the enhancement of the programs and the three RFS required to

solicit these services, a timeline of 18 to 20 months is expected for selection and actual implementation.

Attached is the required Sole Source Contract Checklist (Attachment III), identifying and justifying the need for a sole source Agreement, that has been approved by the CEO.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

DMH requests approval to execute the Pacific Clinics' Agreement and to extend the existing the MHALA Agreement through FY 2012-13. Both the Pacific Clinics' contract execution and the MHALA contract extension are requested to prevent interruption of MHSA WET training programs that were originally awarded to Pacific Clinics and MHALA in September 2007, through a competitive RFS issued January 2007.

With three (3) RFSs for WET services either in draft or internal review stages, DMH anticipates returning to the Board sometime within the next two (2) fiscal years to request authorization to execute Agreement(s) with qualified bidder(s), based on revised and more comprehensive Statements of Work, deliverables, and outcome measures.

The Pacific Clinics and MHALA Agreements will be in effect until the qualified bidder(s) have been selected through the three (3) pending RFSs. These training programs are delivered during the Pasadena City College academic school year, therefore, the programs will be terminated at the end of the academic school year during which the new Agreements are executed.

In accordance with your Board's contracting policy requirements for Sole Source contracts, DMH notified your Board on December 2, 2010 of its intent to enter into a Sole Source Agreement with Pacific Clinics (Attachment IV).

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Board approval of the proposed action will continue raising staff and educators' awareness of different mental health related trainings. Implementation of WET programs in all Service Areas has significantly enhanced the availability and quality of integrated, recovery-based services for mental health consumers throughout the County.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mg Southard", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Enclosures

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Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Chairperson, Mental Health Commission